

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1231

By Garrett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Tommy Boone on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Boone is one such estimable individual, who has served with distinction for forty-five years in the grocery business and will be taking his much-deserved retirement on April 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boone began his long career in the summer of 1977 at the age of seventeen, when he received a phone call from the manager at H.G. Hill grocery store saying he needed him to start work immediately; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, Tommy Boone, then a senior at Hendersonville High School, was sacking groceries at the West Main Street store for \$2.30 an hour; even as a student, he worked an astonishing thirty-six hours each week; and

WHEREAS, such was his work ethic and ability that he became assistant manager at H.G. Hill in 1986, and in the span of only one year, he was promoted to store manager; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boone has spent his entire career at the West Main Street building, through the store's acquisition by S&C Foods, Inc., in 1999 and its name change to Cash Saver approximately eight years ago; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Tommy Boone has hired hundreds of individuals to work at the store; he has served as a mentor to them all, and many have become lifelong friends; and

WHEREAS, an irreplaceable asset in his workplace and his community, Mr. Boone has often taken it upon himself to deliver groceries to those who are sick, sometimes even buying groceries for those in need; and

WHEREAS, when a tornado ripped across the Walton Ferry/Sanders Ferry peninsula in December 2021, he assisted in taking a pallet-load of bottled water to those affected; while doing so, he discovered an elderly man whose home had been struck by a tree and proceeded to remove the tree from his house; and

WHEREAS, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when every other store was out of toilet paper, Mr. Boone traveled to the warehouse in Nashville with his own sixteen-foot trailer to haul the much-desired item back to Hendersonville; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, he plans to fish, play golf, tend to his cows, and spend time with his girlfriend; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Boone exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Boone has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Tommy Boone our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.